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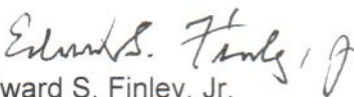
Dear Mr. Bell:

It recently came to our attention that the North Carolina Transmission Planning Collaborative (NCTPC) has reached a milestone: ten years of collaborative transmission planning. I write today to express congratulations and thanks for all the effort that has gone into making the NCTPC useful and informative.

You doubtless are aware of the annual transmission construction plans that result from the NCTPC's efforts. You might not realize, however, that over these ten years, the quarterly meetings of the NCTPC Transmission Advisory Group have provided a forum for Commission Staff and others to learn about transmission planning outside the rigid context of a contested proceeding, and to pose questions to knowledgeable experts about diverse topics such as NERC reliability standards, inter-regional planning, control room operating guides and a host of other topics. In addition, the NCTPC has been receptive to requests from the Commission and others to perform transmission studies that we deem important to address potential electric reliability risks.

The transmission experts from both Duke Companies, as well as the EMCs and municipal associations who participate at these meetings, are diligent in presenting timely information, answering questions, and being open to requests for more information and studies. On behalf of the Commission, I hope you will pass along to all of them our thanks and congratulations for a decade of collaborative transmission planning.

Sincerely,


Edward S. Finley, Jr.
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